



Public Information Meeting

Site Investigation at Fort Columbia State Park Military Munitions Response Program

Sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

January 30, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Fort Columbia State Park

Chinook, Washington

Area residents are invited to this public information meeting on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Military Munitions Response Program Site Investigation at Fort Columbia State Park. Over the next few months, the Corps will evaluate Fort Columbia under the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) program. Work will include a visual inspection of property that was part of the former Fort Columbia, and may include soil and/or water sampling. The Corps will use the results of this investigation to determine if future work is needed to clean up possible munitions related components and chemical constituents used at the Fort.

Fort Columbia, consisting of 770 acres, was purchased by the War Department in 1864 for costal fortification as part of the Harbor Defenses of the Columbia River. After purchase the land was left undisturbed until 1898 when construction began on the first of three artillery batteries and support buildings. All three batteries were completed in 1903. Between 1903 and 1947 Fort Columbia, in conjunction with Fort Stevens and Fort Canby, was a U.S. Army costal defense artillery installation protecting the Columbia River through the end on World War II.

In late 1947 the War Department declared Fort Columbia surplus. In 1950 the State of Washington acquired the property and dedication of Fort Columbia Historic State Park was on June 17, 1951.

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More information about Fort Columbia is available on Corps's Seattle District website at

<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=PMEM&pagename=MMRP>